

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office communication dated March 29, 2007, applicants' respond as follows.

At page 2, paragraph 1 of the Office action, the Examiner states that "The foreign documents for the IDS of 1/3/05 were not found in the electronic file." It is submitted that the two references referred to in the IDS were, in fact, submitted with the IDS as evidenced by the enclosed copy of the return-receipt Postcard No. 25273. Since the two references referred to therein have apparently been misplaced by the Patent Office, we have, on June 7, 2007, via electronic submission, filed a further Form SB08a including the two foreign references referred to therein.

It is noted that the Examiner did not acknowledge receipt of the priority document. The priority document was furnished to the U.S. Patent Office in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). It is requested that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the priority document in the next communication from the Patent Office.

Claims 4 - 5 and 7 - 11 have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c). This objection, it is respectfully submitted, should be withdrawn in view of the Preliminary Amendment filed December 6, 2004.

Claims 1 and 3 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Ledlow et al. Claim 1 has been amended, above,

to more particularly define the invention and distinguish over the art. As presently presented, claim 1 calls for a pig with a seal that is "arranged to make circumferentially continuous pressure sealing contact" with the internal surface of the conduit. Ledlow et al. has no seal. The element 70 is described as a "large middle diameter" (column 3, lines 23, 24). It must be admitted that this outer diameter is formed by "an outer textile fiber sleeve of fiberglass 78" (column 3, lines 26, 27). Clearly, a "textile fiber" cannot be a "seal" as disclosed and claimed by applicants.

The citation of Ledlow et al. against applicants' invention is not well-founded considering the fact that Ledlow et al. is directed to a device for supporting weld underbead and the device is not intended for use in installing a cable in a conduit. The Ledlow et al. device is inserted and advanced in the tube in an unexpanded condition (see column 2, lines 61 - 67). If the teaching of Ledlow et al. is followed, the device is passed through the conduit in an unexpanded condition and the device, consequently, cannot be deformed "when it passes through the deformed parts of the conduit".

Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Ledlow et al. in view of Jonnes. Claim 2 defines the pig "wherein the support part is in the form of teeth extending radially in the tubular part". Taken in conjunction with amended claim 1, claim 2 defines a device where the teeth provide the guide surface which engage the

internal surface of the conduit so that the support part is mechanically deformed by such surface when the pig passes through a deformed area of the conduit. There would appear to be no reason to combine the structure of Jonnes with Ledlow et al. However, even if the combination were made, the result would not meet applicants' invention since the Jonnes structure is intended to not seal against the inside surface of the conduit. Taking the analysis a step further, Ledlow et al., with its pervious textile sleeve, and Jonnes with its non-sealing ribbed exterior, cannot result in a combination which effectuates a seal.

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 - 11 are now in a condition for allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested.

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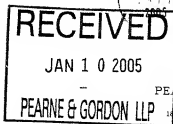
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